

e. expressing said cloning vectors in said host cells to produce a random population of peptides, polypeptides or proteins; and

f. screening said random population of peptides, polypeptides or proteins with said preselected antigen under conditions which allow detection of one or more random population of peptides, polypeptides or proteins which bind to the antigen.--

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing and examination of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Original claims 1 and 2 have been deleted without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 3-14 have been added by this amendment. These claims are fully supported by the specification at the very least at page 2, line 37 - page 3, line 2; page 3, lines 18-20 and 32-36; page 4, lines 6-8; page 5, lines 5-20; page 6, lines 25-28; page 7, lines 7-10 and lines 21-31; page 8, lines 19-23; and page 24, lines 24-30.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.607(c), Applicants hereby notify the Examiner that the instant application now includes claims directed to the same patentable invention and thus suitable for an interference with all of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,723,323 to Kauffman et al. A Request for Interference Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.607 will follow in due course.

Early and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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In the event that there are any questions relating to this amendment, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney by telephone so that prosecution is expedited.

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